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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Subj: Recission of verbal orders issued by the Surgeon General on or about 22-23 November 1963

Ref: (a) CHBUMED ltr BUMED:003:mcp to OLA of 30 September 1977

1. On or about 22-23 November 1963, the Surgeon General of the Navy issued verbal orders to various naval personnel and civilian employees of the Navy who were involved with the autopsy of President John F. Kennedy at National Naval Medical Center. These personnel were ordered to discuss with no one events connected with their official duties on the evening of 22-23 November 1963. The verbal orders were later confirmed in writing. See enclosure (1) to reference (a).

2. I have no objections to higher authority, such as OSD, rescinding the above mentioned orders.

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